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This special issue contains eight papers whose abstracts were presented in at the Twentieth ACM SIGACT-SIGMOD-SIGART Symposium on Principles of Database Systems, held in Santa Barbara, California, May 21–24, 2001.

The authors were invited to submit full versions of their papers for this special issue. All papers have gone through the normal refereeing process of the *Journal of Computer and System Sciences*.

I am grateful to the referees for their hard work and to the program committee members, especially Rick Hull and Phokion Kolaitis, for their help in selecting these papers.

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